

George Washington to Jedidiah Huntington, January 14, 1779, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.

To BRIGADIER GENERAL JEDIDIAH HUNTINGTON

Philadelphia, January 14, 1779.

Sir: Col. Sherman, who will deliver you this, informs me, that his Regiment has not received a supply of cloathing of any kind. I have not my papers by me and therefore cannot refer to what I wrote you from Fredericksburgh on the subject of cloathing for your Brigade. But if I recollect right, it was that it might be furnished out of the imported cloathing; provided you would engage to have all the new cloathing otherwise received, returned into the public hands. This proposition I am still willing to adhere to, with respect to Col. Sherman's Regiment or any other in a like predicament. In making it I rely upon your impartial regard to the general good of the public service, and I am persuaded you will not wish to derive any advantages to your Brigade more than are shared in common with every other part of the army. With this persuasion, I have written to Mr. Mesom,¹ directing him on your return, to furnish the whole or any part of your Brigade with new uniforms on the principle I have mentioned. I hope however, it may not be necessary to make use of this allowance more than for Col. Sherman's regiment, as the Col seems to think the other regiments have been already supplied from Major Bigelow. I am not certain whether there be any of the French cloathing remaining on the Eastside of the River; if not you will be pleased to forward returns to me and an order shall be given for them from the store at Middle Brook. You will also send proper officers to receive them. I am etc.²

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1I have authorized General Huntington to draw either as much of the new imported Cloathing as will supply his present deficiency, or the full quantity for his whole brigade ... You will therefore ... furnish him agreeably thereto ...”— Washington to Deputy Clothier General George Measam, Jan. 14, 1789. This letter is in the Washington Papers.

2he draft is in the writing of Alexander Hamilton.